(b) The number of vehicles expected to be assembled with the material contained in the kits till 31-3-1989 was 3,47,572. The number of vehicles actually assembled till 31-3-89 was 3,53,109.

(c) Does not arise.

Losses suffered by M/s. Maruti Udyog Ltd. due to pilferage of spare parts.

2442. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated annual loss suffered by M/s. Maruti Udyog Limited due to pilferage of spare parts etc. during the last three years, yearwise till date stating the percentage of rise in the losses on this account; and

(b) what efforts have been made to plug the loopholes and to identify the employees, if any, involved in the pilferage of spare parts ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) There has been no loss suffered by Maruti Udyog Limited during the last three years due to pilferage of spare-parts.

(b) During the last three years, 3 attempts to pilfer spare-parts were foiled and necessary action such as lodging of FIR's was taken. For preventing pilferage of spare-parts the following measures have also been taken, in addition to the regular effort towards development of systems :—

1. Sealing of the spare-parts warehouse after working hours
2. Loading of all material in the presence of security personnel.
3. Random checking of out-going consignment at the gate.
4. A strong room is being constructed to store small size and high value components with proper system of receipt and issue.
5. Fencing of the complete spare-parts warehouse area.

B.I.C.P. recommendations on the prices of Dexamethasone

2443. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the delay in notifying the prices of Dexamethasone and its formulations;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices notified by his Ministry are based on the recommendations of BICP ;

(c) if so, when were the recommendations received and what price was recommended for each ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry were aware that the company was enjoying mark-up of more than 100 per cent and upto 207 percent as against their entitlement of 60 per cent and 100 per cent under DPCO, 1979 and;

(e) if so, what corrective steps are being taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) to (c) and (e) The recommendations of the BICP regarding prices of Dexamethasone formulations were received in this Department on 6th March, 1989. While the prices of non-leader

packs were fixed under DPCO, 1987 on 17th April, 1989, the Ceiling prices have been notified on 26-7-1989 after getting the notification vetted by the Law Ministry and translated by their Official language Wing. The details are given in the attached statement.

(d) To the extent information is available M/s. Merind Limited had been charging their own prices for such formulations under DPCO, 1979 due to order of the Delhi High Court.

Payments to IDPL from DPEA

2444. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 11 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that claims towards IDPL for Analgin, Streptomycin and Phenobarbitone were settled long back ;

(b) if so, when were these claims settled and what was the amount claimed against each drug;

(c) what amount was paid against each claim and when it was paid;

(d) whether it is also a fact that even after settling these claims an amount of around rupees twelve crores which was due from IDPL was written off;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor; and

(f) what was the total amount due to IDPL in respect of 6-APA and Methyl dopa under DPCO, 1979 and what are the details of total payments made to IDPL in respect of these drugs from Drug Prices Equalisation Account ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) to (f) An amount of Rs. 10·13 crores has so far been paid to M/s. IDPL in respect of their claims relating to Analgin, Phenobarbitone, Streptomycin Sulphate, Vitamin-B, Vitamin-B2, Methyl Dopa, 6-APA, Pheno sulphathiazole bulk drugs pertaining to their claims from 1979-80 to 1985-86. No amount due from M/s IDPL under para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 has been written off.

Revision of Oil Royalty

2445. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 stipulates revision of oil royalty every three years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations has also recommended revision of oil royalty after every two years;

(c) if so, whether there has been any revision of oil royalty after the Ist April, 1984 in respect of various States; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor and by when such revisions are expected to take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) According to the provisions of the Oil Fields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948, the rate of royalty cannot be enhanced in less than three years.

(b) Yes, Sir.